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Serial No. 08/401,229

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For: IN-SITU REAL-TIME MONITORING TECHNIQUE AND APPARATUS
FOR ENDPOINT DETECTION OF THIN FILMS DURING
CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL POLISHING PLANARIZATION

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on July 12, 1995, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 13, line 22, change "8" to --11--.

On page 14, line 22, change "8" to --11--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claim:

17. (amended) An apparatus for monitoring thickness change in a film on a substrate comprising

(i) a bifurcated fiber-optic cable having a common leg and two bifurcated legs,

(ii) a rotating fiber-optic cable with two ends,

(iii) a light source,

(iv) means for analyzing a light signal to determine thickness change and stopping thickness change when the thickness reaches a predetermined endpoint, and

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